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**Baker-Polito Administration Highlights 90 Road and Bridge Projects
Across 61 Northeast Massachusetts Communities**

*\$250 million in North Shore regional highway investments highlight impact of over
\$2.8 billion spend on safe and reliable infrastructure statewide*



Left to Right: Mayor Kimberley Driscoll, Lt. Governor Karyn Polito, Acting Highway Administrator Jonathan Gulliver at Canal Street Reconstruction Project

SALEM –Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito today joined Acting Highway Administrator Jonathan Gulliver and MassDOT officials at a roadway reconstruction project in Salem to highlight over \$250 million invested by the Baker-Polito Administration in Fiscal Year 2017 in 90 roadway and bridge projects benefiting 61 municipalities across Northeast Massachusetts.

The Baker-Polito Administration is visiting MassDOT Highway Districts to highlight the positive regional impacts of over \$2.8 billion spent since 2015 on highway construction projects and bridges, pavement, intersection and sidewalk improvements, and bike lanes, while authorizing over \$700 million in Chapter 90 local transportation funding for cities and towns. An additional \$30 million has been invested through Complete Streets and Municipal Small Bridge programming to support local transportation planning and community bridges not eligible for federal aid.

Statewide, those investments have paved approximately 2,000 lane miles, enough to cross Massachusetts and back at least 5 times; installed 160 miles of sidewalk, almost encircling the Quabbin Reservoir; and rehabilitated or replaced approximately 80 bridges. Projects include installing new safety equipment, optimizing traffic configuration, lane and intersection widening and promoting reduced congestion.

“Investing in our roads and bridges empowers people throughout our cities and towns to get to work and opportunities that move our Commonwealth forward,” **said Governor Charlie Baker**. “We are proud to have invested over \$2.8 billion in our highway infrastructure since taking office, including these 90 projects throughout the northeast communities, to ensure residents and commuters have access to their destinations by car, public transit, walking and biking.”

“Our administration is pleased to continue upgrading our transportation infrastructure to allow people across Northeast Massachusetts and the Commonwealth to get to the places they need to be,” **said Lieutenant Governor Polito**. “By investing over \$250 million in road and bridge projects in Northeast Massachusetts last year, we have continued to support our local communities and promote the jobs and opportunities that keep our economy strong.”

The event today was held at the project to reconstruct a section of Canal Street in Salem in order to ensure safe and reliable travel throughout this important corridor. This \$11 million project will also upgrade pedestrian accommodations including sidewalks, crosswalks, crossing equipment, accessibility ramps, and will address accessibility issues for individuals seeking to access or exit local businesses.

“We appreciate the efforts of our MassDOT crews and contractors as we work to upgrade our transportation systems and allow all users to get to places they need to

go using their preferred mode of transportation,” **said Transportation Secretary and CEO Stephanie Pollack.** “The investments we are making in Northeast Massachusetts and throughout the Commonwealth are an example of our commitment to connecting people and communities in a way that considers the age, ability, and most appropriate method of transportation of all users and allows for continued economic growth and development.”

“We are proud to be investing in roads and bridges throughout Northeast Massachusetts and ensuring our infrastructure works for everyone whether they are driving, on foot, bicycling or using mass transit,” **said Acting Highway Administrator Gulliver.** “We thank our MassDOT work crews for their hard work in helping design, develop, and build better highways and bridges that allow people across Massachusetts to get to their homes, businesses, friends, families and all things that improve their quality of life”

Notable ongoing projects in Northeast Massachusetts or District 4 area include:

- **Amesbury:** The project to replace the bridge on I-495 over the Amesbury Riverwalk Bikeway.
- **Amesbury – Newburyport – Salisbury:** The I-95 reconstruction and Whittier Bridge replacement project over the Merrimack River.
- **Andover – Lawrence – North Andover:** The resurfacing project (including 12 bridges) along I-495.
- **Arlington:** The project to provide bicycle lanes and connect the ends of the Minuteman Bikeway.
- **Bedford:** The Safe Routes to School project at John Glenn Middle School.
- **Bedford – Billerica:** The project to make improvements to the Middlesex Turnpike.
- **Beverly:** The roadway reconstruction project along Route 1A.
- **Beverly:** The resurfacing (including 3 bridges) project along Route 128.
- **Billerica:** The project to reconstruct a section of Allen Road.
- **Boston – Somerville:** The project to resurface sections of I-93.
- **Cambridge – Somerville:** The roadway reconstruction and installation of a new traffic signal system on Beacon Street.
- **Chelmsford:** The bridge superstructure replacement on Hunt Road over I-495.
- **Chelsea – Saugus:** The resurfacing and related work (including 9 bridges) along Route 1.
- **Concord:** The Bruce Freeman Rail Trail (Phase 2C) Project.
- **Concord – Chelmsford – Peabody:** The drainage improvements along Routes 2, 3, and 128
- **Danvers:** The bridge replacement on Water Street (Route 35) over the Waters River.
- **Danvers – Medford:** The project to make drainage repairs along Route 1 and I-93 and I-95.

- **Everett:** The multi-use pathway construction and ramp and sidewalk connections to the North Stand Community Trail.
- **Everett – Medford:** The project to replace two bridges carrying Revere Beach Parkway (Route 16) over the Malden River (Woods Memorial Bridge) and over the MBTA Orange Line, Commuter Rail and Rivers Edge Drive.
- **Groveland:** The roadway reconstruction project on Route 97.
- **Haverhill:** The roadway reconstruction and signal improvements project on Route 125.
- **Haverhill:** The Haverhill Riverwalk Project.
- **Lawrence – North Andover:** The resurfacing project (including 7 bridges) and barrier repairs along I-495.
- **Lexington:** The roadway reconstruction along Route 4/225 (Massachusetts Ave) and adjacent streets.
- **Lexington – Burlington:** The resurfacing and median barrier placement along I-95 and two bridge deck repairs.
- **Lowell:** The bridge replacement on Market Street over the Western Canal.
- **Lowell:** The bridge replacement on the VFW Highway over Beaver Brook.
- **Lynnfield – Peabody:** The resurfacing and related work on Route 1.
- **Medford:** The reconstruction of the Cradock Bridge (Route 38) over the Mystic River.
- **Methuen:** The I-93 intersection reconstruction project at Routes 110/113 (Methuen Rotary).
- **Methuen:** The resurfacing project along the Route 213 Loop Connector.
- **Newbury – Newburyport:** The Clipper City Rail Trail (Phase II) Project.
- **Salem:** The roadway and shared path reconstruction on Canal Street.
- **Somerville:** The sidewalk reconstruction at the intersection of Route 38 (Mystic Avenue) and Temple Road/Street (Safe Routes to School – Healy School).
- **Stoneham – Winchester – Woburn:** The Tri-Community Bikeway Project.

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